

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Friday, February 14, 2014 – 12:10 p.m. – Room 250 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Sen. Todd Weiler

Members Absent:

Sen. Gene Davis

Staff Present:

Mr. Nathan Brady, Policy Analyst
Ms. Kristen C. Ricks, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Mr. Clark Harms, Chairman, Board of Pardons and Parole, gave an overview of the Board of Pardons and Parole's responsibilities. He explained that the main responsibility of the board is determining parole options for prison inmates. He described the board's makeup and explained that pro tempore members fill in for absent full time board members the day of a hearing. He said Utah law requires an inmate to serve his or her entire sentence unless the board votes otherwise. He gave his support for the three pro tempore candidates. Mr. Harms responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Proposed Reappointment of Earl Xaiz as a Pro Tempore Member of the Board of Pardons and Parole

Chair Madsen excused Mr. Earl Xaiz from the meeting.

3. Consideration of Proposed Appointment of Jennifer Kearns Bartell as a Pro Tempore Member of the Board of Pardons and Parole

Ms. Jennifer Kearns Bartell thanked the committee for its consideration. She gave a brief history of her career, highlighting her experience with correction and treatment programs. She said her interaction with the board prior to this appointment has been abundant and will greatly add to her effectiveness as a pro tempore member. The job requires, she said, time and flexibility, which she said she has. She said her workaholic personality would greatly aid her as a pro tempore member. She expressed a desire to contribute her time and energy toward serving the state. She responded to questions from the committee.

4. Consideration of Proposed Appointment of Bradley P. Rich as a Pro Tempore Member of the Board of Pardons and Parole

Mr. Bradley P. Rich thanked the committee for its consideration. He said his interactions with the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole were numerous throughout his career as a defense attorney. They are a large reason, he said, why he was interested in this position. He gave a brief career history, highlighting his experience in appearing before the board as a defense attorney. He explained a desire to contribute to society and believes being a member of the pro tempore Board of Pardons and Parole would allow him to

fulfill that role. He assured the committee that his experience as a career defense attorney would not impede his ability to be impartial. He said he understands the parole process and would feel comfortable participating in it. He responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Mr. Rich be appointed as Pro Tempore Member of the Board of Pardons and Parole. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Ms. Bartell be appointed as Pro Tempore Member of the Board of Pardons and Parole. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.